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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
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E.O. 12065 N/A
SUBJECT: EDIBLE OIL SHIPMENT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 081865 (B) ISLAMABAD 03033
(C) ISLAMABAD 04529

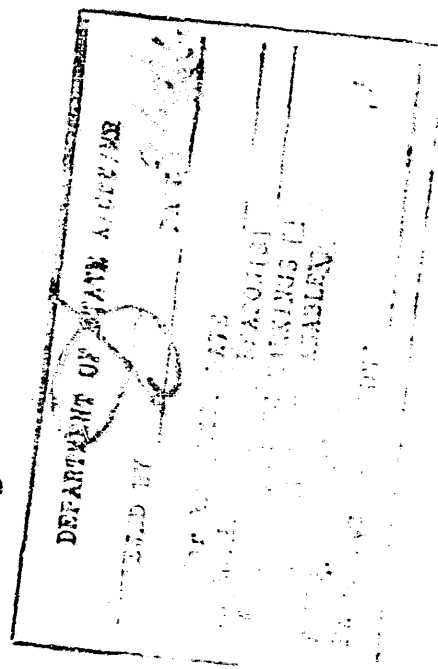
1. MY BENJAMIN HARRISON OFFLOADED 2,268 NET METRIC TONS SOYBEAN OIL FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES AT KARACHI PORT ON OCTOBER 10, 1981. THIS SHIPMENT, CONSISTING OF 11,655 DRUMS, IS THE FIRST SOYBEAN OIL SHIPMENT FOR REFUGEES IN 55 GALLON DRUMS BASED ON REQUEST IN REFTELS. WE OBSERVED THE MORE THAN 9,500 DRUMS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN OFFLOADED AND TEMPORARILY STORED AT KARACHI DOCKYARD. OUR INITIAL OBSERVATION, PENDING A FINAL REPORT BY SURVEYORS, IS THAT DRUMS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE AND LEAKAGE SEEMED TO BE MINIMAL.

2. MISSION AND WFP/ISLAMABAD ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT HAND PUMPS WERE NOT PROVIDED WITH THESE DRUMS AS REQUESTED IN REF B. WFP/ISLAMABAD IS NOT AWARE IF HAND PUMPS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SHIPPED ON ANOTHER VESSEL OR SIMPLY FORGOTTEN. THE 55 GALLON DRUMS WILL BE REACHING PESHAWAR AND QUETTA FOR CAMP LEVEL DISTRIBUTION DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THERE WILL BE SOME WASTAGE OF OIL IN THE ABSENCE OF PUMPS WHICH FIT THE 55 GALLON DRUMS AND CONSIDERABLE IN CAMP DISTRIBUTION DIFFICULTIES. WE THERE-
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FORE STRONGLY URGE AN IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT, PREFERABLY BY

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AIRFREIGHT, OF 400 PUMPS FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE ROUGHLY 250 CAMPS TO WHICH THIS OIL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. THESE 400 PUMPS, OF COURSE, WILL BE ALSO USED FOR FUTURE SHIPMENTS OF VEGOIL IN DRUMS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. KING

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